on payment of import duty @30 per cent *ad valores.*

(b) Yes, Sir. During 1991-92, specified quantities of palmolein were allowed to be imported by certain State Governments (including the Government of Gujarat) for Public Distribution System on payment of import duty at the rate of 40 per cent ad valorem.

(c) No concessional rate of duty is available during 1992-93 for imports by State Governments. The general effective rate of 110 per cent will be normally applicable to all such imports, including imports by Gujarat Government against exports of soda ash.

Financial Crisis in Jammu and Kashmir

@4315. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial crisis of unprecedented magnitude has overtaken the State of Jammu and Kashmir and GFovernment employees have not been paid their salaries;

(b) if so, sinuce when the salaries have not been paid;

(c) whether it is a fact that militants have been collecting their share from Government spending through foreged Bill for non-existing works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Jammu and Kashmir is facing a marked financial imbalance due to mismatch between receipts and expenditure. The opening deficit of Rs. 491.71 crores in the beginning of the present financial year is the main reason for State's financial difficulties. However, disbursement of salary is being made as per normal practice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of the press report on the subject and has advised the State Government to undertake regular monitoring.

World Bank suggestions on Economic and Industrial Policies

4316. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communique from the World Bank suggesting the do's and don'ts in matters related to the New Economic/New Industrial Policies, recently, as reported in the Stateman New Delhi, dated the 11th July, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and, what is Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Government have not received any communique from the World Bank suggesting "dos" and "don'ts" in matters related to the new economic or industrial policies.

'Guarantees issued by State Bank of Indore, Janakpuri'

4317. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of guarantees issued by the State Bank of Indore, Janakpuri Branch New Delhi, during the last three years;

@Previously Unstarred Question 3901 transferred from 12th August, 1992.

(b) what is the amount involved therein:

(c) whether it is a fact that guarantee amount ha ssot been recovered from the parties, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against guilty officers?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore have have reported that their Janakpuri branch, New Delhi had issued 45 guarantees during the last three years. The yearwise details and amounts of these guarantees are given below:

Year	No. of guarantees issued	Amount Rs. in lakhs
1989-90	18	11·37
1990-91	14	15·66
991-91	13	9·57

(c) According to State Bank of Indore, no guarantee has been invoked by any beneficiary during the above period.

(d) Does not arise.

Financial help to Punjab

4318. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial help to Punjab to meet its financial crunch in near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) A Group of Officers representing the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission has been set up to suggest a solution to the financial imbalances faced by Punjab besides Assam and Jammu & Kashmir. It has been decided to keep the recovery of special Plan Loans given to Punjab (repayment of which was to commence from 1-7-1992 ater the expitry of moratorium) in abeyance pending submission of the report by the Group. Hence, the question of giving further financial help to Punjab to dependent upon the recommendations of the Group when the same becomes available.

Norms for postigs of SC/ST Employees in Banks

4319. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any specific norms for posting SC/ST employees and officers in banks nearer to their place of domicile; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in the event of harassment caused due to odd posting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (d) Transfers in the Public Sector Banks are generally governed by the transfer policies settled between the managements and their employees. These transfer guidelines are common for general, SC & ST categories. However banks were advised by the Govvernment on 31-10-86 that officials should desist from any act of discrimination against member of Scheduled Casts/Scheduled Tribe communities, e.g., their transfers to far off places and to insignificant positions, on the grounds of their social origin. Further, in respect of ST employees